

be followed by a discussion about the first draft of the Task Force report. Following the discussion, Peter Raven, President of the Missouri Botanical Garden will speak about why plant research is important for the world. Martin Apple, President, Council of Scientific Society Presidents will follow Peter Raven to speak about the challenges facing agriculture. Following Martin Apple will be a continuation of the discussion of the draft report.

The Task Force Meeting will adjourn on Wednesday, January 28, around 4 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. Written comments for the public record will be welcomed before and up to two weeks following the Task Force meeting (by close of business Wednesday, February 11, 2004). All statements will become part of the official record of the Research, Education, and Economics Task Force and will be kept on file for public review in the Office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics.

Done in Washington, DC this 1st day of January, 2004.

**Joseph J. Jen,**

*Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 02-026N]

#### FSIS Policy on Delinquent Payments for Reimbursable Overtime and Holiday Meat, Poultry, and Egg Products Inspection Services

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is providing notice that it will not provide reimbursable overtime and holiday meat, poultry, and egg product inspection services to persons who have delinquent accounts. FSIS charges fees for the overtime and holiday meat, poultry, and egg product inspection services it provides to official establishments, official plants, importers, and exporters. In addition, FSIS will pursue the collection of debts owed to it for such services.

**DATES:** This notice is effective February 9, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact Michael B. Zimmerer, Director, Financial

Management Division, Office of Management, FSIS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Mail Drop 5262 Beltsville, MD 20705, (301) 504-5885.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

FSIS is providing notice of the actions it will take in regard to the provision of reimbursable overtime and holiday meat, poultry, and egg products inspection services to persons who are delinquent in paying for such services. The Agency is authorized to charge fees for the overtime and holiday meat, poultry, and egg product inspection services it provides by 7 U.S.C. 2219a and 21 U.S.C. 468, 695, and 1053.

FSIS regulations provide that reimbursable overtime and holiday meat, poultry, and egg products inspection services will not be performed for persons who have a delinquent account. These regulations are set forth in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) in sections 307.6(c), 381.39(c), and 590.130. The regulations provide that bills are payable upon receipt and become delinquent 30 days from the date of the bill.

As of the effective date of this notice, if payment for reimbursable overtime and holiday meat, poultry, and egg products inspection services, including payment of interest, penalty, and administrative charges, is delinquent, the Agency will take the following actions:

- FSIS will send the recipient of the service a "dunning notice."
- FSIS will send a certified letter, along with a second dunning notice, to the recipient of the services if the requested payment in full is not received within 30 days of the initial dunning. If payment in full of the delinquent account is not received by FSIS within 14 days from the date the certified letter and second dunning notice are received, no further reimbursable overtime or holiday meat, poultry, and egg products inspection services will be provided until payment in full of the delinquent debt, including any interest, penalty, and administrative charges assessed, is received.
  - If a debtor either has failed to make payment in full, of a delinquent debt or has not entered into a written repayment agreement with FSIS, the Agency will transfer the delinquent debt to the U.S. Department of Treasury for cross-servicing in accordance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996. At the discretion of the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Treasury, referral of a delinquent nontax debt may

be made to (A) any executive department or agency operating a debt collection center for collection action; (B) a private collection contractor operating under a contract for servicing or collection action; or (C) the U.S. Department of Justice for litigation.

This notice applies to the provision of reimbursable overtime and holiday meat, poultry, and egg products inspection services provided pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2219a and 21 U.S.C. 468, 695, and 1053, and regulations enacted thereunder. FSIS will continue to provide non-overtime and non-reimbursable holiday meat, poultry, and egg products inspection services under the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1031 *et seq.*) to persons, regardless of whether they are delinquent in paying for the reimbursable overtime or holiday meat, poultry, or egg products inspection services provided to them.

#### Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to better ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it and make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update. FSIS provides a weekly Constituent Update, which is communicated via Listserv, a free e-mail subscription service. In addition, the update is available on-line through the FSIS web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. The update is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents/stakeholders. The constituent Listserv consists of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals that have requested to be included. Through the Listserv and web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience than would otherwise be possible.

For more information contact the Congressional and Public Affairs Office, at (202) 720-9113. To be added to the free e-mail subscription service (Listserv) go to the "Constituent Update" page on the FSIS Web site at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/update/update.htm>. Click on the "Subscribe to

the Constituent Update Listserv" link, then fill out and submit the form.

Done at Washington, DC, on January 5, 2004.

Garry L. McKee,  
Administrator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Public Meetings of the Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Black Hills National Forest Advisory Board (NFAB) will hold meetings to become informed about Black Hills National Forest issues and to reach consensus on those issues so as to make management recommendations to the forest supervisor. The meetings are open, and the public may attend any part of the meetings.

*Dates and Agenda Issues:*

Wednesday, March 17, 2004 from 1 to 5 p.m.—Fragmentation

Wednesday, April 14, 2004 from 1 to 5 p.m.—Forest Health/Wildlife Management

Wednesday, May 19, 2004 from 1 to 5 p.m.—Invasive Species

Wednesday, June 9, 2004 from 1 to 5 p.m.—Travel Management

**ADDRESSES:** SDSU West River Ag Center, 1905 Plaza Boulevard, Rapid City, SD

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Frank Carroll, Black Hills National Forest, 25041 North Highway 16, Custer, SD, 57730, (605) 673-9200.

Dated: January 5, 2004.

**Brad Exton,**

*Black Hills National Forest Deputy Supervisor.*

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### COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

#### Procurement List; Additions and Deletion

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Additions to and deletions from procurement list.

**SUMMARY:** This action adds to the Procurement List products and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies

employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes from the Procurement List a product previously furnished by such agencies.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The effective date for addition of the product Forest Fire Shovel (5120-00-965-0609) will be November 8, 2004. The addition for all other products and services in this notice will be effective February 8, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia, 22202-3259.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sheryl D. Kennerly, (703) 603-7740.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Additions

On October 10, October 24, November 7, and November 14, 2003, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (68 FR 58651, 60908, 63057/63058, and 64589) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the products and services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the products and services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

##### Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the products and services to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products and services to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the products and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

#### End of Certification

Accordingly, the following products and services are added to the Procurement List:

#### Products

*Product/NSN:* Forest Fire Shovel, 5120-00-965-0609.

*NPA:* Mississippi Industries for the Blind, Jackson, Mississippi.

*Contract Activity:* GSA, Southwest Supply Center, Fort Worth, Texas.

*Product/NSN:* Nylon Duffel Bag, 8465-01-117-8699 (Surge requirements only above current contractor capacity, not to exceed 180,000 units).

*NPA:* Industrial Opportunities, Inc., Andrews, North Carolina.

*Contract Activity:* Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

*Product/NSN:* Type C Pallet, 3990-00-NSH-0002.

*NPA:* Goodwill Industries of South Texas, Inc., Corpus Christi, Texas.

*Contract Activity:* Corpus Christi Army Depot, Texas.

#### Services

*Service Type/Location:* Administrative Support Services, USDA, Rural Development Agency, St. Louis, Missouri.

*NPA:* MGI Services Corporation, St. Louis, Missouri.

*Contract Activity:* USDA, Rural Development Agency, St. Louis, Missouri.

*Service Type/Location:* Mailing Services, U.S. Mint, Washington, DC.

*NPA:* ServiceSource, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia.

*Contract Activity:* U.S. Mint, Washington, DC.

*Service Type/Location:* Virtual Call Center Services, Internal Revenue Service, Oxon Hill, Maryland.

*NPA:* National Telecommuting Institute, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts.

*Contract Activity:* U.S. Treasury, IRS Headquarters, Oxon Hill, Maryland.

#### Deletion

On November 7, 2003, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (68 FR 63058) of proposed deletion to the Procurement List. After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the product listed below is no longer suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.